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Dear FCC,

Following you will find the written comment spoken by me at the Localism Hearing held in Portland, Maine on June 28, 2007. Along with excerpts from viewer comments I was not allowed to read because of time constraints.

Greetings and thank you for deciding to hold a Public Hearing in Portland, Maine, I feel honored to be able to offer public comment to you in person. My name is Donna Frisoli. I am the Station Manager of a 501 C3, non-profit, commercial free, Low Power & cable access Public, Educational, Governmental (PEG) TV station.

I know the commissioners are familiar with the acronym PEG and I know you are aware that PEG programming is usually only found on cable TV. As a PEG Low Power TV station, we have filled a gap, met the needs, and continue to meet the needs of our community. We fill a niche that our local full power stations are not able to fill.

Full power stations need to answer to upper management, which in some cases has caused censorship of local political voices and viewpoints, such as "the humble farmer". Our Low Power TV station is a conduit for everyday people. This means everyday people can

have their say even if it means their say is different from outside influences with huge resources.

If you look at the offering of the major channels, it's all the same; reality shows, game shows, talk shows, etc. It is reminiscent to the Bruce Springsteen lyric "there's 100 channels with nothing on". Local TV is not like that. When you watch localism on TV, you are seeing your friends, neighbors, children, and government in action.

Low Power TV is local TV, please continue to allow for and expand Low Power TV. Now I would like to read a few comments from some of our viewers:

Cynthia Howland – I want to give a big thank you to each and every one for your incredible service to the community. These past months have been difficult for all of us and your work really came into its own in keeping us all informed. I can't even imagine the number of hours you must have spent to keep up with all the events. Thank you for giving your time so selflessly: we are the better for it.

Kristen Coombs – We love Harpswell TV. I take every opportunity I get to alert friends etc about your shows.... We're still in the sticks here (Georgetown) – no cable, But we get you on old fashion "broadcast" ...So I tell folks... Many can get it – a bit fuzzy – some on the east side of the island don't.... Any ability to strengthen/boost the broadcast signal with added funding?... It's nice to hear from REAL people who are working hard behind the scenes.

Ann Cort – I'm forever grateful to you and the volunteers at the station and elsewhere for your dedication, the endless hours and effort spent in saving Harpswell, I will always wonder if it would have been done without HCTV! You deserve a national recognition.

Merry Meeting Bay TRIAD – This efficient station provides a valuable service to Harpswell residents, airing programs for

community groups with all views accepted. In an important area with which I am personally familiar, the programming provides information and service to seniors living in Harpswell...

Jill Victor – Thank you for giving us access to true journalism and open reporting.

Brad Mitchell – Without Channel 14, I would have to depend on the less technologically smooth steaming internet. I am concerned this vital service is threatened by cuts. This would further diminish free speech in the Brunswick\Harpswell community. Please advise me what I can do as a member of your audience to help make up for these cuts. I am a big believer in community television, especially that which brings voices and programs to the public that are not represented well on commercial broadcasting and cable outlets.

Amy Haible & Len Freeman – Harpswell Community Television (HCTV) was our primary instrument for presenting our side of the issue.

League of Women Voters – Thank you for allowing the Voter Educational Tapes to be presented. We appreciate your support of providing educational materials for area voters.

TJ Payeur – I just wanted to tell you, I really enjoy your community television station. It's got to be the best one I have ever seen. I've seen them in Florida, I've seen them in Texas, I've seen them in California, seen em in Maine and yours is without a doubt the best one I've ever seen...Wonderful things! You can't see them anywhere else! I just wanted to tell you I really like your programming...We end up watching Harpswell as much as anything because it's interesting and it's entertaining.

Lou Young – Just to let you know how much I enjoyed your video on Harpswell – that was great! Your early morning programming is also very entertaining. Thanks

Girl Scouts – Thank you so much for taking on ... Troop

1049 at the Harpswell TV studio this week. They had a great time hamming it up for the camera and trying the camera. They will think twice now before they believe what they see on TV after watching the switching heads and bodies. You have gained some new viewers- we did have to explain the rabbit ears to them.

State Rep Leila Percy – Thank you so much... your operation is so professional and easy to work with. The house majority leader ... was truly impressed. I have not seen the show myself but the feed back coming in says it went well...

Rachel Griffin (area musician) – I loved doing the show!
You guys are so professional and wonderful at what you do!

Governor John Baldacci – Many thanks to both of you. My best